

**BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues
Against:

SUSAN MARIE CHAMPLIN
1300 Quarry Court, Ste. 115
Point Richmond, CA 94801

Respondent.


Case No. AL2008-454

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Occupational Therapy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on initial date of licensure

It is so ORDERED September 14, 2009.


FOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
17 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Heather Martin ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the California Board of
20 Occupational Therapy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented
21 in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Janice K.
22 Lachman, Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

23 2. Respondent Susan Marie Champlin ("Respondent") is representing herself in this
24 proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

25 3. On or about May 21, 2009, Respondent filed an application dated May 1, 2009, with
26 the California Board of Occupational Therapy to obtain an occupational therapist license.

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CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of Respondent Susan Marie Champlin for licensure as an occupational therapist is hereby granted. Upon successful completion of the licensure examination and all other licensing requirements, an occupational therapist license shall be issued to Respondent. Said license shall be immediately revoked, the order of revocation stayed, and Respondent placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Early Termination of Probation.** Respondent waives her right to petition for early termination and modification of probation.

2. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the practice of occupational therapy in California. Respondent shall

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1 submit, in writing, a full detailed account of any and all violations of the law to the Board within
2 five (5) days of occurrence.

3 **3. Compliance with Probation and Quarterly Reporting.** Respondent shall fully
4 comply with the terms and conditions of probation established by the Board and shall cooperate
5 with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's
6 compliance with probation. Respondent, within ten (10) days of completion of the quarter, shall
7 submit quarterly written reports to the Board on a Quarterly Report of Compliance form obtained
8 from the Board.

9 **4. Personal Appearances.** Upon reasonable notice by the Board, Respondent shall
10 report to and make personal appearances at times and locations as the Board may direct.

11 **5. Notification of Address and Telephone Number Change(s).** Respondent shall
12 notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of a change of residence or mailing address, of
13 her new address and any change in work and/or home telephone numbers.

14 **6. Tolling for Out-of-State Practice, Residence or In-State Non-Practice.** In the
15 event Respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State for more than
16 thirty (30) days, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within ten (10) days
17 of the dates of departure and return. All provisions of probation other than the quarterly report
18 requirements, examination requirements, and education requirements, shall be held in abeyance
19 until respondent resumes practice in California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on
20 the effective date of resumption of practice in California.

21 **7. Notification to Employer(s).** When currently employed or applying for employment
22 in any capacity in any health care profession, Respondent shall notify her employer of the
23 probationary status of respondent's license. This notification to the current employer shall occur
24 no later than the effective date of the Decision. Respondent shall notify any prospective health
25 care employer of her probationary status with the Board prior to accepting such employment.
26 This notification shall be made by providing the employer or prospective employer with a copy of
27 the Board's Accusation and Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Decision and Order.

28 Respondent shall cause each health care employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board.

1 The reports shall be on a form provided by the Board, shall include a performance evaluation and
2 such other information as may be required by the Board.

3 Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in
4 employment status. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days if she is
5 terminated from any occupational therapy or health care related employment with a full
6 explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination.

7 **8. Employment Requirements and Limitations.** During probation, Respondent shall
8 work in her licensed capacity in the State of California. This practice shall consist of no less than
9 (6) continuous months and of no less than twenty (20) hours per week.

10 While on probation, Respondent shall not work for a registry or in any private duty
11 position, except as approved, in writing, by the Board. Respondent shall work only on a regularly
12 assigned, identified, and pre-determined work site(s) and shall not work in a float capacity except
13 as approved, in writing, by the Board.

14 **9. Supervision Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board,
15 before commencing any employment, regarding the level of supervision provided to the
16 respondent while employed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

17 Respondent shall not function as a supervisor during the period of probation except as
18 approved, in writing, by the Board.

19 **10. Continuing Education Requirements.** Respondent shall complete continuing
20 education in the area of Ethics for 12 contact hours within six (6) months of the effective date of
21 the Decision. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall
22 submit a written plan to comply with this requirement. The proposed plan shall include the title
23 of the course, a course description or syllabus, and identify the provider. A Board representative
24 shall approve such plan prior to enrollment in any course of study. The continuing education
25 course(s) shall be in addition to the professional development activities required for license
26 renewal.

27 Failure to satisfactorily complete the required continuing education as scheduled shall
28 constitute a violation of probation. Respondent is responsible for all costs of such continuing

1 education. Upon successful completion of the courses, Respondent shall send the original
2 certificate(s) she receives for the coursework to the Board within thirty (30) days of completion.
3 Respondent shall send the original certificate(s) to the Board by certified mail, return receipt
4 requested.

5 11. **Maintenance of Valid License.** Respondent shall, at all times while on probation,
6 maintain an active current license with the Board, including any period during which license is
7 suspended or probation is tolled.

8 12. **Cost Recovery Requirements.** Respondent shall pay the Board \$2,160 as and for
9 the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution in this matter. Respondent shall be
10 permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan of \$90 per month for twenty-four (24) months.
11 Payments shall be received by the Board no later than the 10th of each month, commencing thirty
12 (30) days after the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall make the check or money order
13 payable to the Board of Occupational Therapy and shall indicate on the check or money order that
14 it is the cost recovery payment for Case No. AL2008-454.

15 Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is
16 tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full payment is made. Should any part of cost recovery
17 not be paid in accordance with the outlined payment schedule, Respondent shall be considered in
18 violation of probation. A period of non-practice by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of
19 her obligation to reimburse the Board for its costs.

20 13. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board,
21 after giving Respondent notice and opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out
22 the disciplinary order which was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed
23 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter
24 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

25 14. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's
26 license will be fully restored.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my occupational therapist license. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Board of Occupational Therapy.

DATED: 02 SEPT 2009


SUSAN MARIE CHAMPLIN
Respondent

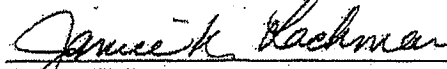
ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Occupational Therapy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 9/8/09

Respectfully Submitted,

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